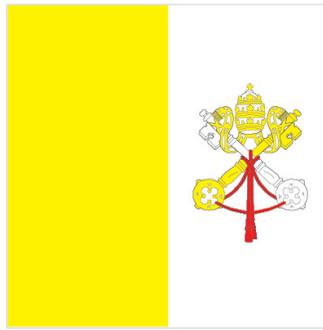


HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY)



INTRODUCTION

Popes in their secular role ruled portions of the Italian peninsula for more than a thousand years until the mid-19th century, when many of the Papal States were seized by the newly United Kingdom of Italy. In 1870, the pope's holdings were further circumscribed when Rome itself was annexed.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Pope FRANCIS

Head of Government

Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro PAROLIN

Government Type

ecclesiastical elective monarchy; self-described as an "absolute monarchy"

Capital

Vatican City

Legislature

unicameral Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State or Pontificia Commissione per lo Stato della Citta del Vaticano (7 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 0.44 sq km

Land: 0.44 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

temperate; mild, rainy winters (September to May) with hot, dry summers (May to September)

Natural Resources

none

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

limited, tourism-based economy; euro user but issues commemorative stamps and coins; solar energy producer; some printing industry to support museums and religious needs

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

NA

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

NA

Industries

printing; production of coins, medals, postage stamps; mosaics, staff uniforms; worldwide banking and financial activities

Agricultural products

NA

Exports

NA

Imports

NA

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

1,000 (July 2019 est.)

Population Growth

0% (2014 est.)

Ethnicity

Italian, Swiss, Argentinian, and other nationalities from around the world (2017)

Language

Italian, Latin, French, various other languages

Religion

Roman Catholic

Urbanization

urban population: 100% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 0% annual rate of change (2020-2025 est.)